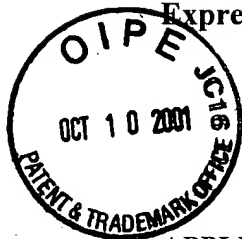


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on April 10, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, up to and including October 10, 2001, are submitted herewith.

Also submitted herewith are three Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney forms, each executed by one of the inventors whose citizenship has been corrected or included.

Claims 1-88 are pending. Claims 1-57 and 72-88 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 58-71 stand rejected. Applicants amend claim 58. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 58-71 will be pending for examination.

AMENDMENT

To the Claims

Please amend claim 58 to read as follows. (A marked up version of the amended claim is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.)